

The decision of Sinclair Broadcasting to have all their local affiliates air the program "Stolen Honor" under the auspices of a "news event" just before the 2004 election is a shocking misuse of the power of this huge corporation. A healthy democracy is not possible when individual companies that control such a large portion of the public airwaves use that control to forward their own political agendas. The decision of Sinclair Broadcasting not to allow the names of soldiers killed in Iraq to be read on their stations because that would be "too politically charged" followed by the decision to force all member stations to air a show with such a right-wing bias (that is at least as politically charged) is clearly the result of a political agenda. Sinclair Broadcasting has no right to be exerting their political agenda via the public airwaves, particularly within a 60 days of a very close election.

I feel very strongly that Sinclair Broadcasting is violating the public trust and I hope the FCC will prevent their misuse of the public airwaves in the future.

Thank you